

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 24, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-7 and 13-14 are canceled. Claims 8-10, 12, 16, and 18 have been amended. Claims 8-12 and 15-18 are pending in this application, with claim 15 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, claims 1, 3-6, 8-14 and 16-18 stand rejected. Independent claim 15 is allowed.

In view of the allowable subject matter, claims 1-7 and 13-14 are canceled. Claims 8-12 and 16-18 are rewritten as dependent on allowed independent claim 15.

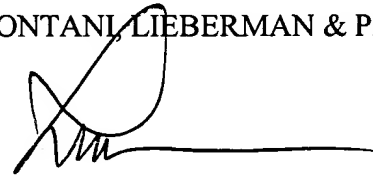
The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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